

MUMBAI PORT TRUST

PRESS MEET HELD ON 28.9.2013

ON

**DEVELOPMENT OF KANHOJI ANGRE LIGHTHOUSE AS A
TOURIST DESTINATION**

AT

MUMBAI PORT TRUST CONFERENCE HALL, 7TH FLOOR,
VIJAY DEEP, BALLARD ESTATE, MUMBAI- 400001.

Dr. K Chiranjeevi, Hon'ble Minister of State for Tourism (Independent Charge) unveiled a plaque to mark the foundation laying ceremony for promotion of tourism at Kanhoji Angre Lighthouse at a function presided over by Shri Milind Deora, Hon'ble Minister of State for Shipping, Communications & IT on 28.9.2013.

Dr. Chiranjeevi complemented Shri Milind Deora and the Ministry of Shipping for having taken the initiative. He also congratulated the Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and Mumbai Port Trust, for jointly taking forward the natural heritage and tourism promotion initiative at Kanhoji Angre Island, admeasuring 18 acres of land. Dr. Chiranjeevi stated that the Ministry of Tourism has agreed to extend financial assistance for tourism promotion at lighthouses.

Shri Milind Deora stated that the Ministry of Shipping had engaged IL&FS, through DGLL, for preparation of a Master Plan to develop Kanhoji Angre Lighthouse as a tourist destination. The plan includes refurbishing the existing lighthouse building, restoration/conservation of existing fort wall, landscape enhancement of entire island, regular motor boat/ferry services from Thal/Alibag and Gateway of India. Shri Deora added that the project would create a novel alternative leisure destination to Mumbaikars and tourists.

The project to be developed in PPP mode is supported by a generous grant of Rs.15 crores from the Ministry of Tourism, GOI and grants from Mumbai and Jawaharlal Nehru Ports under the respective CSR programmes.





